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years in Cedar City and graduated from high school in May of 1941. She was an independent girl and found work as a waitress at the Hotel El Escalanti for $1.00 a day (10 hours) and board and room. 1941 was a year of change and sadness for the Tweedies. Richard was killed in July while serving with the National Guard on maneuvers in Idaho. This caused Marguerite's mother, Lucy, to go into a deep depression. Her father, James, took Lucy and their youngest daughter to live in Salt Lake City, where Lucy could get the proper care. They were gone for a year. Gwendolyn had married and moved away from Cedar City, this left Marguerite to live alone.

She had been alone and working at the Hotel El Escalante in Cedar City for about a year, when she heard of work near Las Vegas, Nevada, that paid three dollars a day and board and room for an eight hour shift. She left Cedar City with no regret, but with some fright of the venture away from home. She worked as a waitress and later as a cashier for the construction company which was building the big magnesium plant at basic townsite, later known as Henderson.

This was the beginning of her life among non-Mormons for a good many years. While on this job, she lived in a dormatory with two girls to a room. One of the girls introduced Marguerite to her brother, Willie Murrell Killion, who later became her husband.

One of her room mates was from Long Beach, Ca. who reported that they were hiring women for shipyard work. Three of the girls left to work there and wrote such glowing letters to Marguerite that she quit her job and took a bus to Long Beach where she was hired at Calship as an arc-welder trainee at 90 cents an hour; this was great pay for 1943. She gained dexterity and adeptness with her hands and soon rose to the rank of journeyman, making $1.25 an hour. It was hard, dirty work, and she found herself inside gun-mounts, lying on her back welding overhead on galvanized metal as thick yellow smoke engulfed her



Marguerite Killion

enlistig in the Army Air Corps, as it was :alled then. She got her parent permission and enlisted in March of 1944.

Her :asic training was in Des Moines, Iowa. She missed her long har, her friends and the better py and shorter hours of the shipyarc However, after recovering fror the aches, pains, and DPT shcts and the rigor of basic training sargeants, she was eventualy sent to Stockton Air Field in California where she served fo eight months.

At this time, Stockton Air Field was a pilot training field. Marguerite was assigned to be a dope and fabric mechanic who patched the fabric coverings of the training planes. When the field was turned over to the Air Transport Command, she was re-assigned and put in charge of the mimeograph department which is in communications. This was a unique experience for her and the men who had never worked with women in the army; however, they all became good friends and worked well together.

While working in communications, Marguerite kept track of the 13th Armored Division under Patton in Europe, as her fiance was serving with them. When the war was over in Europe, her fiance was being shipped home for a 30 day leave before going into the Pacific war. He wrote that he wanted to be married during his

parents at their home in Henderson, Nevada when they heard the wonderful news of the war being over! They joined the people of Henderson who were shouting and singing in the streets.

In November of 1945, Marguerite was discharged from the service and returned to be with her parents until her husband received his discharge, but this was delayed until March of 1946.

While her husband attended U.S.C. in Los Angeles, Marguerite worked at various jobs to help him get through school. After his graduation and the birth of their first daughter, Barbara Janette, they moved to San Gabriel, where her husband managed a drug store. While there, Susan Melinda was born. Then they moved to West Covina where they went into partnership in their first drug store. Marguerite worked in that store until it was paid off. During that time, she gave birth to their third child, Kathryn Lynette.

Marguerite was called as a teacher for a Sunday School class when she was 17, and was secretary of Sunday School at 18, but had not been an active member of her church since then. She was glad to resume her responsibilities as her children grew up. She was historian for the Primary and teacher, then a counselor in Relief Society. She was the ward geneology teacher for 16 years. The most rewarding position was her regular visiting teacher. Her greatest challenge was her call to start a tri-stake branch geneology library in which she worked for four years full time of forty hours a week.

When her two older girls became interested in 4-H Club projects with goats, she became a 4-H teacher and involved herself in these affairs for five years. She also worked in the republican grass roots organization as a volunteer in the John Birch Society Library.

Their first daughter went to BYU where she met and married a young man from Price, Utah. They now live in Helper, Ut. with their children. Their second daughter joined the circus and became a flying trapeze artist and traveled all over the world; she

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Marguerite Barbara Tweedie Killion, a resident of Heber City for the past two years, was born in Kenilworth, Utah, on June 14, 1923, to James Alexander and Lu[cy] Lee Tweedie. When Margu[er]ite was three the Tweed- ie's move[d] ... to Cedar City where the fa... The early Twee... [or]iginally lived. from Scotland to the [e]migrated ...

were converted to the Mormon Church in 1899. Shortly after their conversion, they moved to Summ- it, Utah and then to Cedar City. Richard Tweedie (1841-1910) and Barbara Sarah Ingram Tweedie (1857-1911) were welcomed in the community with their sons James (1889-1940) who was born in Kansas, and two younger sons, they were all baptized into the church at the same time.

Barbara Tweedy started the first library in Cedar City; she was also the first librarian.

After Richard and Barbara Tweedie died, just a few months apart, the boys were without relatives except for two uncles and an aunt in Massachusetts, and those still in Scotland.

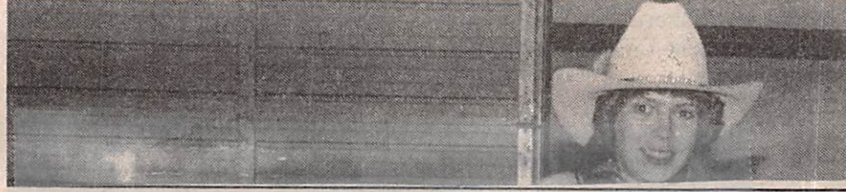
James A. Tweedy courted and married a young widow whose husband, Joseph Kelly, [h]ad died of tuberculosis, leaving [h]er with a small child to raise... girl, Gwen- dolyn. Kelly and her lit[tle] ... right ones for ... were just ... married Lucy, James and wh... six years old. Gwendolyn as a descendant of Lucy Lee and other early John who had crossed the pione[ers] and settled in southern pl... she grew up among the [hard]ships of the pioneers. She [wa]s married to Joseph just three short years before his death; after that, she devoted her life to making a proper home for her child.

James and Lucy Lee Tweedie's first child was a boy named Richard Ingram (1919-1941). Marguerite was born June 14, 1923, followed by Janet Ray in 1937, a widely spaced family.

Marguerite spent all her school



Sr. Rodeo Queen and her attendants are: [From left to right] Karen Jeanne Clyde, Queen, Angie McKenzie, and 2nd attendant, Marie ...



completely, in a silent world with a blaze of light always before her eyes, and moulton metal specks finding minute openings in her leather coverings to cause small burns. She had a lot of time to think about her life and decided, after her 20th birthday, that she could do more for her country by

They were married on August 8, 1945, by the Army Chaplain in the chapel on Stockton Air Command Field. They spent their honey- moon visiting their parents. The 10 day leave that she had been granted seemed altogether too short. They were visiting her

married another trapeze artist in her act while in Germany, they have made their home in Reno, Nevada. The youngest girl is married and lives in Kamas, Utah.

After 35 years of marriage, a heartache occurred, and Marguer- ite and her husband were divorced. She returned to Las Vegas, took a beauty course, specializing in manicuring. After getting her license, she worked there before coming to Utah. While in Las Vegas, she worked for two years as a name extractor in the Spanish extraction program.

On one of her trips to visit her daughters in Utah, she saw a garage sale sign at 830 South Main, in Heber City; she stopped to find a toy for her granddaugh- ter, got into a conversation with the house owners and bought the house!

Marguerite now lives there and feels that the 4th Ward people, especially her neighbors Wilva and Ray Anderson, have helped her feel welcome into the ward and town.

She has started a manicure business in her home and has the license to expand her home into a bed and breakfast cottage. She will serve a continental breakfast to her patrons when she opens within the next two weeks. She hopes this endeavor will provide her with a way to live happily in Heber City for a long time.

Marguerite's hobbies are china painting and poetry. We wish you well in your endeavors, Marguer- ite, and that you may be able to live in Heber City for a long time.